



FY 2021 Annual Report

LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friend of BWJP,

The past few years have been difficult for many. The COVID-19 pandemic and pervasive systemic racism and oppression have led to a reckoning across the country. In addition, within the field of domestic violence, outdated advocacy models and the siloing of our programmatic work all led to a re-examination of BWJP in late 2020. As a result, BWJP underwent a significant transformation in our leadership, staffing, and alignment in our work. For us, this has meant transforming governance and operational structures to nurture a culture of learning and exploration in our work today and into the future.

FY 2021 was our first year implementing these new strategies, and we are proud to present this annual report highlighting some of the achievements of this influential organization. BWJP has been at the forefront of the domestic violence movement for over 30 years and has the vibrancy and fortitude to take systemic concerns around gender-based violence ("GBV") and present solutions to take those systems to the next level.

Over the last three decades, we have learned that it is not enough to help change the lives of individual people. We create the most impact for survivors when we change the trajectory of collective systems. We work with jurisdictions across the country to improve access to systems while paying attention to not causing further harm to historically marginalized communities.

We hope that you have benefited from our work in FY21. As we move forward in FY22 and beyond, we will continually improve and better serve marginalized survivors.

In 2022, we hope you will see our organization move into new shared core values:

1. Shared leadership based on integrity, equity, agency, and courage.
2. Embracing multidimensional contexts of marginalized communities and survivors in our work.
3. Harness diverse voices and expertise to reach just and comprehensive responses to GBV.

As well as an in-depth focus on these shared values, friends of BWJP can expect - a total redesign of our brand and website, offering a user-friendly, and beautiful platform for all the resources we have to offer; the application of our institutional analysis framework to partner with survivors and advocates in four local communities; the development of new tools that help policymakers and professionals better understand coercive control; and a reimagining of coordinated community response ("CCRs").

We are pleased to share BWJP's FY 2021 Impact Report that directly demonstrates our ongoing progress as we continue this critical work informing coalitions, advocates, attorneys, and more across the country. We look forward to the journey as we all work together to keep survivors, their families, and communities safe and supported.

Sincerely,



Amy Sánchez
Chief Executive Officer



Safia Khan
Chair of the Board of Directors

A photograph of a man in a dark suit walking away from the camera down a long, empty courtroom. The room has high wooden ceilings with several hanging light fixtures. Rows of wooden pews are on either side of a central aisle. In the background, there is a wooden bench, an American flag, and large windows on the right side.

MISSION AND VISION

The mission of BWJP is to promote change within the civil and criminal legal systems to enhance their effectiveness in providing safety, security, and justice for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), their families, and communities.

BWJP is a collection of national policy and practice centers at the intersection of GBV and legal systems. BWJP provides educational activities, including training, technical assistance, and consulting to advocates, nonprofit service providers, community leaders, and systems professionals.

We create the most impact for survivors when we change the trajectory of all legal systems. Over the last three decades, we have learned that it is not enough to help change the lives of individual people. We work with jurisdictions across the country to improve access to systems while paying attention to not causing further harm and injustice to historically marginalized communities. We will continue this critical work to inform and keep survivors safe while supporting thriving families and communities.

IMPACT NUMBERS



\$85K

PRIVATE
CONTRIBUTIONS



\$3.5M

IN FEDERAL
GRANTS



1,200+

TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE



6300

FAMILY LAW
PRACTITIONERS
TAUGHT



12,000+

PROFESSIONALS
TRAINED IN DV LEGAL
SYSTEM RESPONSES



11

NATIONAL TRAININGS
ON DV AND GUN
VIOLENCE



75K

RESOURCES PROVIDED
TO ADVOCATES &
SURVIVORS



3

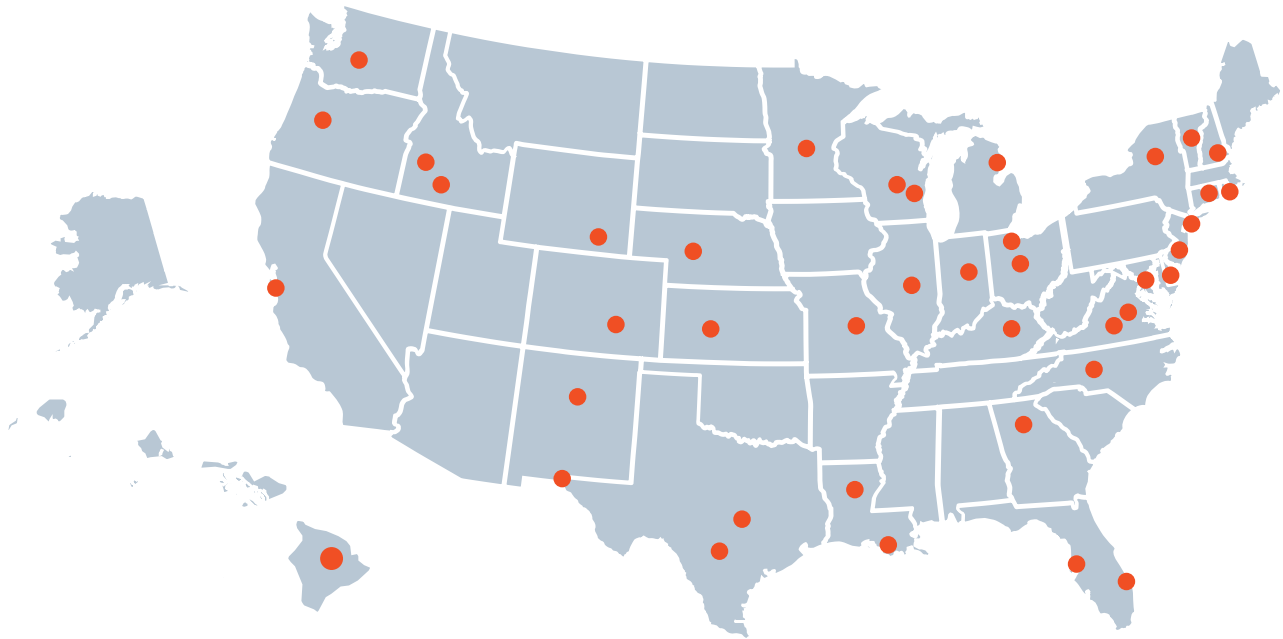
NATIONAL
CONFERENCES



65

CURRICULA
CREATED

NATIONWIDE IMPACT



49 COMMUNITIES SERVED

PARTNER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

PALM BEACH COUNTY VICTIM SERVICES

BWJP worked with Palm Beach County Victim Services (PBCVS) in Palm Beach, Florida, to assess the to assess the Palm Beach Criminal System response to domestic violence. The assessment included observations, listening sessions and meetings with stakeholders and survivors, through these activities we were able to identify both exceptional work, as well as gaps in response. We also facilitated training with national experts to continue education on new developments and innovations in the field. As a result of our work, PBCVS created a new Coordinated Community Response Team (CCR) that will continue to work on the recommendations made by the team.

FY 2021



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helps continue
our work
of changing
systems and
supporting
survivors.**

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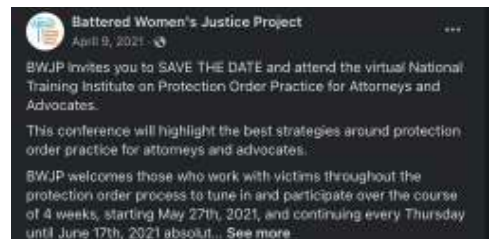
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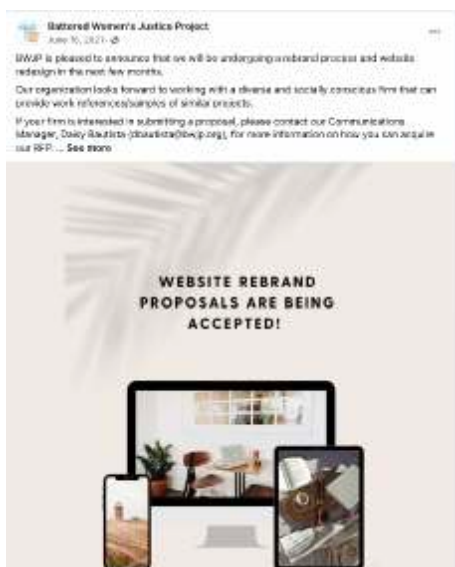
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BWJP IN THE MEDIA



NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE ON PROTECTION ORDER PRACTICE for Attorneys & Advocates	
DATE & TIME Over the course of 4 weeks starting: May 27th and continuing every Thursday until June 17th. Sessions available between 1pm-4pm EST.	WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Attorneys, advocates, judges, and anyone who works with victims throughout the protection order process.
CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION Online series using scenarios, service, and interactive discussions. Topics to include full faith and credit, interstate custody, stalking, violence and technology, domestic violence related firearm prohibitions and other laws relevant to the issuance, service, and enforcement of protection orders.	ORGANIZERS The National Institute on Protection Orders, and the Florida Department of Law Services.
QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Monica N. Pipher, 786.352.7852, npipher@bwjp.org	This project was supported by Grant No. 2016-1-AW-0000 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.



SPOTLIGHT ON

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms



11

NATIONAL TRAININGS



1 NEW

MODEL PROTOCOL

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms ("NRCDVF") and the Safer Families, Safer Communities Project work to prevent domestic violence-related assault including homicides involving firearms. The project focus on promoting and supporting the effective implementation and enforcement of federal, state and tribal firearm prohibitions in domestic violence, dating violence and stalking cases.

In FY21, NRCDVF had the following accomplishments

- ✓ Conducted 11 trainings to 1,385 people during the fiscal year.
- ✓ In-depth Technical Assistance was provided to Denver, CO; St. Paul, MN; Ypsilanti, MI; Cleveland, OH; and Bexar County, TX; and the State of Indiana.
- ✓ Developed and published a national model protocol titled: Implementing an Effective Firearm Relinquishment Protocol.

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SAFeR



41

NATIONAL TRAININGS



5000

DOWNLOADED RESOURCES

The SAFeR approach, promotes domestic violence-informed decision-making in family law matters.

In FY21, the SAFeR program had the following accomplishments:

- ✓ Conducted 41 training sessions and trained close to 6,300 family law practitioners including, judges, attorneys, Guardian Ad Litem, custody evaluators, law students, judicial officers and more.
- ✓ Developed nearly 5,000 custody/child support resources that were downloaded or shared with the field.
- ✓ Deepened focus addressing multiple needs of mothers and their families. Areas such as Child Welfare, Restorative Justice and Mediation are being explored for further development outside of our traditional work of custody to multiple legal issues affected battered mothers and their children.

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National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith & Credit



1232
ATTORNEY TRAININGS



400
TA REQUESTS

The National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith & Credit ("NCPOFFC") promotes best practices for the issuance, service and enforcement of protection orders that effectively respond to the needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

In FY21, NCPOFFC accomplished the following:

- ✓ Conducted the National Training Institute on Protection Order Practice for Attorneys and Advocates over 4 weeks reaching 1,232 participants.
- ✓ Published the Culturally Specific Supplement for Engaging in a Best Practice Assessment of the Civil Protection Order System.
- ✓ Conducted 1,555 trainings and responded to 400 technical assistance requests.

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SPOTLIGHT ON

National Resource Center on Civil and Criminal Responses to DV



3000
PROFESSIONALS TRAINED



2 NEW
NETWORKING PLATFORMS

BWJP has served as the national resource center on civil and criminal justice responses to domestic violence since 1993, when funding to set up the center was granted from the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In FY21, the National Civil and Criminal Legal Resource Center on Domestic Violence had the following accomplishments:

- ✓ Created two online professional networking platforms with customized curated libraries.
- ✓ Developed BWJP's strategy on coercive control codification.
- ✓ Trained over 3,000 professionals on various aspects of legal system responses.
- ✓ Produced seven episodes of the new Taking Back Control podcast.

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OUR IMPACT

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARTNER

"BWJP has been incredibly thoughtful in approaching new partners, myself-included, on how to expand the conversation of addressing and preventing gender-based violence. BWJP understands how all violence is interconnected. They are working with community violence interrupters and credible messengers on recognizing signs of gender-based violence to inspire and encourage systems to make needed changes. In the future, the WIRE is looking forward to working with BWJP on ways systems can support criminalized survivors. There are many stigmas facing justice-involved women, and I'm glad to work with an organization that understands how we must work towards ending biases ingrained in systems in order to disrupt cycles of trauma."

Lashonia Thompson-El Executive Director of The W.I.R.E. (Women Involved in Reentry Efforts)
a network of formerly incarcerated women who have successfully reintegrated back into the community after release.



TESTIMONIAL FROM AN ADVOCATE

"Thank you both so much for another excellent webinar. I'm really looking forward to the next one. Just wanted to say how much I appreciate learning specifically from true anti-violence advocates who value the safety of all people & the sanctity of all life, and who wish to really address the root causes of violence."

Elisa Davoodi, Manager of Advocacy for the Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC)

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WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2022!

- Launch of our new website
- Launch of our new National GBV Learning Community
 - New seasons of the Taking Back Control podcast
- Reports and materials on the codification of coercive control
- Reports and materials on reimagining coordinated community response
- Even more content that will assist advocates, systems, and survivors to provide access to justice for survivors

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